

Central Board Minutes  
May 25, 1955

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Jystad. The minutes were read and corrected as follows: In the run-off election for sophomore class president, Weller received 86 votes.

ACTIVITIES BOARD

Jystad explained the functioning and membership of activities board as the proposed by-law provides. O'Hare explained that this activities board has not yet been passed on by the student vote, but that it is possible to have such a committee by just the vote of central board. To become a permanent committee, however, a student body vote is required. Jystad explained that although the former committee of Student Union executive committee appeared on the application blanks, those who signed up for that committee will be considered for its replacement, the activities board.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The proposed loan fund was reviewed by budget and finance committee chairman, Bruce Crippen. Bayley again questioned the undersigning clause in the loan structure. Crippen explained that the emergency loan does not require an undersigner, but that the regular loan does. Jystad commented that it was difficult to obtain the signature of someone over 21 to undersign a loan. Crippen sighted this as a further safeguard. Leuthold further defended the clause by bringing out that this clause applies only to the emergency loan, and the student applying for the regular loan would have ample time to find an undersigner. Crippen reported that Badgley and Wunderlich had approved the plan. Lambros stated that it was important to have this clause (undersigner) at least to begin with. If the program were successful, and no difficulty in regaining the loaned money were met, and the students found it difficult to obtain an undersigner, the clause might at this later date be removed. Lambros moved that: Central Board accept the ASMSU student loan fund as presented by Budget and Finance Committee in total. Fowler seconded. In the discussion which followed, Flowman questioned the possibility of one student obtaining more than one loan, and the student obtaining a second loan before repaying the first loan. Fowler explained that renewals are to be handled by taking out a new loan. Crippen further explained that all the loans were to be granted through the committee and so the conditions and the individual situation would determine the granting of a second loan. The motion to accept the loan fund plan passed 8-1.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Al Crozer explained the proposed activities cards for next year on which would appear the bearer's picture. He explained that it would require approximately five days to take the pictures for the cards. Crozer stated that there is a camera on the campus which would take these pictures. Bayley questioned the cost of the operation. Crozer said that a downtown establishment had quoted the cost at 5¢ per picture, and that the major cost was the hiring of a photographer to take the

pictures. Jystad defended the new card idea by pointing out that it would be an official card and an official designation of the bearer as a member of ASMSU. Crippen reported on his discussion of the card with President McFarland. The President seemed interested in the new card, but raised questions as to the cost. Wunderlich suggested that the committee obtain a minimum cost of a camera from downtown, take this figure to the President, and perhaps the university would then pay a portion of the cost. Nicholson commented that the process would be too slow, and impractical without better facilities. Pam Brechbill stressed its value in identification. It was suggested that the committee again explore possibilities for the card and report at the next central board meeting.

#### ORIENTATION WEEK

Mary Ellen Erickson reported on the meeting of the class officers. The group is to have another meeting after collecting some of the ideas of students of the campus concerning the activities jamboree.

#### CLASS PRESIDENT MEETING

Jystad reported on the meeting of the class presidents. The purpose of this meeting was to integrate the class officers with the functioning portion of the ASMSU activities. Jystad proposed that they act as an advisory committee to him, and thus, more student opinion and attitude would be represented on the government of ASMSU.

#### TENNIS COURTS

Crippen reported on his investigation of the tennis courts. He reported that as far as he could determine, no one has jurisdiction over the courts, and there is no money allotted for them. He has asked Mr. Badgley and Mr. Hertler to send a recommendation to the committee in regard to a system of financing the maintenance of the courts. A further report will be submitted next meeting.

#### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Bayley reported on his investigation of the student employment system in the lodge. He reported that each employee in the grill is under three bosses. He reported that the policy of the grill was to have every employee busy all of the time. He said that the minimum wage scale is 70¢ per hour. Bayley talked to Kotschevar, director of food service, and reported him saying that there are enough students who want to work at the grill, but there are not enough who want to work. It is such a condition that already it has been necessary to have high school students work in the grill on week-ends. In regard to the two downtown women who have been hired, this was done as a money-saving measure. The efficiency of the grill is now much better. Eyer clarified that the complaint seems to be the poor working conditions. Jystad recommended that central board ask Mr. Kotschevar to come before central board to state and clarify the issues on student employment and the policies of employment. Leuthold so moved. Riddle seconded. In the discussion, Fowler stressed this action would eliminate misunderstandings. Passed 9-0.

#### DRINKING PROBLEM

Jystad introduced the problem by a few statements. At this time, he

expressed appreciation for the large attendance. Jystad said that he felt obligated to write the letter which appeared in the Kamin concerning the statements by our President. He further said that, "there is probably an alcoholic problem on our campus here, and probably on most of the other campuses in the United States." ... "it is a problem not only for our schools and campuses but also a problem facing the whole United States." ... "It would have been better for the President to work this out with the students and faculty." ... "The officers and many others are trying to increase the reputation and prestige of our school. We are all trying to remove the reputation of MSU as a party school. Jystad said, "I have no plan yet. I feel that President McFarland would have gained more if he had decided to work out the problem with the student organizations and the faculty. We have many outstanding persons now on campus and persons who have graduated from this campus of which to be proud. The President presented these facts blunt and clear and maybe over-emphasized some of them. He did give a condition that does exist here and everywhere else also. His principles and motives, I'm thoroughly in favor of. He is a great man, trying to build up this university. His principles, in so far as the drinking problem goes, are all correct. He has everybody on his side. He is right in what he's trying to do. The thing I question is the method which he used. The problem could possibly have been presented in a more diplomatic and realistic way than it was. Therefore, I wrote a letter to the President with the hope that the student opinion could be versed in this manner. I am sure the students are very interested in what is going to take place. However, he has said what he has said. Maybe he is right. He stated that he has collected information and evidence for the past four years, but why did he wait those four years until now to present the problem? Why didn't he start a correction campaign with the help of the students a long time ago? I have attended two very important leadership camps at Flathead Lake and at San Diego, California. It has always been the assumption that student leaders should aid their fellow students in gaining desired goals and in helping them to solve and face the problems which exist. I feel this responsibility of student cooperation was taken out of their hands when Mr. McFarland printed the statement in the paper. I think it can be worked out. I sincerely hope that any conflict which might arise will be carried out on a plane indicative of college students."

Eyer added that he agreed that the students are now facing a serious problem. Eyer said, "this is a time for constructive suggestions. Students are adult and should be treated as such." He presented a petition to central board bearing 170 signatures which requests central board to conduct "a special meeting of all members of the student association for the purpose of clarifying the position of the student body in respect to the code of regulations proposed by Carl McFarland, President of the University." Eyer further explained that this petition is in accord with the provisions of article IX, Section 2, of the constitution of the Associated Students of Montana State University. Eyer stressed the need for this "full-dress" meeting. He stated that "otherwise I fear for the reputation of the university." Bayley questioned the legality of the President in setting up the proposed rules. Jystad read a letter from Larry Gaughan which explained the legality of the move, and the counter-meeting and its legal implications. Hellinger read the President's statements from



the Great Falls Tribune. Bayley requested information concerning the selective basis for entrance to this university. DeForth clarified this point by stating that as it now stands, anyone isn't entitled to come to the university. She further stated that the university was shorted \$350,000 from the desired budget as presented to the last legislature at Helena. She cited this selective enrollment as a political maneuver, aimed at gaining a larger appropriation. Wunderlich said that the university must either build more buildings or have a more selective enrollment. As it now stands, the university processes one of every four who come to the university. He posed the problem, "What can the university do to determine the best usage of the available money." Wunderlich commended Gary on the presentation of the problem. He recommended that the students continue to face the problem squarely. He further stated that the President has taken a very strong and right stand on the problem. "The door is wide open for resolution of the problem." Wunderlich suggested that we appoint a committee to work on and write down the analysis of the problem and the proposed solutions as well. He suggested that we also have a positive statement in writing of the solution which we desire. DeForth suggested that now is the chance to work on the honor system, and work out this problem through the honor system. O'Hare said that the President is aware of the honor system committee's work on this problem. She further stressed that it was important for the students to take unified action. She agreed with Eyer in his contention that through the unity of the student body is the only method by which any student proposals will be given consideration. Florman suggested that committee be appointed whose purpose would be to draw up a proposed plan of action which might be presented to the students at the convocation. It was decided the following would compose the committee: central board delegates, ASMSU officers, a representative from the following groups: alumni, associated women students, independents, inter-fraternity council, panhellenic, veterans organization, students at large, and several central board members of the last term. Leuthold moved: central board appoint a committee consisting of central board and others to meet and formulate a plan to present to the student meeting next week in accordance with the petition. Crippen seconded. Passed 9-0.

#### STREETS

Leuthold presented the findings of the committee to investigate the street conditions around the university. He presented a map of the city's plans for fixing the streets. Leuthold expressed the main problem as one of financing of the reconstruction of the streets. The problem is this: the university's stand seems to be that the city is obligated to repair the streets; the city's stand is that the city will not repair streets which are not repairable, and that at least one of the streets concerned (Maurice), is in need of total reconstruction. This reconstruction would be at the cost of the abutting property owners, which, in this case, is the university. "The general conclusion is that the street condition is bad, not only on the campus, but all over town. Unless they are rebuilt, the repair work is up to the city, at city expense, on the campus as well as every where else." Wunderlich



suggested that a committee discuss the problem with the President. The delegation was named as follows: Leuthold, Lambros, Crippen, Jystad, and Crocker.

#### ACTIVITY APPLICATIONS

Jystad appointed Erickson and Leuthold to collect the applications from the various living groups.

#### FACULTY VOTE ON CENTRAL BOARD

Jystad brought up the question which was recommended to this central board by the last central board as a situation requiring study. The question is should a faculty member have a vote on central board. This question was posed to the board to be considered next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann Crocker*

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Secretary, ASMSU

Jystad, Crippen, Erickson, Bayley, Riddle, Fowler, Lambros, Wunderlich, Leuthold, Crocker, Sonia Tetlio, Dean Hollinger, Pris Herget, Juanita Huffman, Joan Webber, Alice Talmage, Georgia George, Charles Flowman, Rick Madden, Wayne Banny, Billy Ann McFarland, Gayle Gibbons, Charles Polutnik, Alvin Farmer, Arthur Hightower, Wm. Anderson, James Abbonhaus, Kim Forman, Mary Travis, Bill Hammer, R. Spaulding, Bob Gilluly, Allen Crozer, Pat Finney, Betty Millhouse, Bill Pledge, Val Gierke, Pat Gessner, Audra Browman, Faythe Butts, Mary Ellen Brown, Charles Robbin, W. Larammani, Virginia McBride, Jack Kayser, Adrienne Mills, Charlene Mudd, Teresa Drivdahl, Camie Peterson, Marg Hammer, Marcia Smith, Lupita Da Costa Gomez, Howard Bdy, Carol Crippen, Arlene Hoiland, Milton Hansen, Ronald Brown, John Blackwood, Barbara Keenan, John Roylance, Janet Lemery, Shirley North, Nancy Stretton, Jack Miller, Milton Wordal, Virginia Baldwin, DiAnne Stephens, Joan Griffin, Thea deMers, Carol Lee, W. Jellison, Bob Montgomery, F. Arnens, Tom Fraser, Ted Molton, Jim Peterson, Carol Hagfeldt, Peggy McIntosh, Portia Breitenstein, Darlene Forzley, Pat O'Hare, W. Eyer, Sheila McDorney, Nekons Weller, Ray Moholt, Shirley Erickson, Jacqueline Touillon, Lorraine Craighead, Dorothy Roberts, Robert Tidball, Donna Terponing, Claudia Hooper, Shirley Kopitzhi, Inez Myers, Norman Nelson, Terry Fisher, Pam Brochbill, Larry Dybina, Joan Stokan, Doris Sandsmark, George Bovingdon, Dan Zenk, Chas Jacoby, John Royland, Barbara Keenan, Bernadine Brandt, Joanne Guilbault, Howard Mahan, Stuart Nicholson, Stan Nicholson

## ASMSU CONVOCATION

GENERAL TOPIC: Discussion on the proposed drinking regulations as set forth by President McFarland.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- I. Procedure of meeting.
- II. Present regulations on drinking.
  - a. The use of alcohol is not approved at student social functions.
  - b. The use of intoxicating beverages is not allowed on University grounds.
- III. President McFarland's proposed regulations.
  - a. No student organizations will be permitted to hold social or recreational gatherings (a) outside the city limits except on university property under strict university supervision or (b) after 3 p.m. at any place at which there is a bar or to which liquor is brought by or on behalf of any of the participants in such a gathering.
  - b. Such gatherings may not be preceded or succeeded by cocktail parties in private homes or be otherwise so organized to evade these regulations.
  - c. No liquor, consumption or offering or possession of liquor, or person under the influence of liquor, shall be permitted at such gatherings or at any time or on any occasion on university premises or in privately owned buildings approved as residences for university students.
  - d. Any person in possession, or under the influence, of liquor or consuming the same at any such gathering or in or about such premises or buildings must be promptly excluded therefrom; these regulations apply to ALL—whether students over or under 21, alumni, or others—and include beer equally with all other alcoholic beverages.
  - e. Upon proof at the satisfaction of the local university administration that any nationally affiliated and university-recognized student organization has violated or sought to evade any of the foregoing, such organization will be outlawed forthwith except that, as a courtesy, the head organization will be directly contacted and such national organization will be given the first opportunity to disestablish its local chapter.
- IV. Comments by Gary Jystad, President ASMSU.
- V. Resolutions drawn up by Pat Eyer and revised by ASMSU Convocation Committee composed of:
  - a. Central Board and ASMSU officers.
  - b. Five members of last year's Central Board.
  - c. Representatives from:
    - 1) Alumni
    - 2) Associated Women Students
    - 3) Independent Organization
    - 4) Inter-fraternity Council
    - 5) Panhellenic
    - 6) Veteran's Organization
    7. Students at large

STUDENT RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRESIDENT MCFARLAND'S  
PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON DRINKING

We, the students of Montana State University, respectfully submit the following resolution regarding the proposed regulations on student conduct, as outlined by University President, Carl McFarland.

1) We feel that the students of any university are vitally concerned in the welfare of their institution. The policies and ideals of that university have a direct influence on all of their future conduct and usefulness. It is for this reason that we are presenting this resolution regarding a question of grave concern to the student body of the university as well as to the faculty and to the people of the state.

2) We believe that drinking is a nation-wide problem arising from a variety of tensions and stresses. We feel that the problem of Montana State University is no worse than other colleges throughout the nation.

3) It is our firm conviction that as students in a university, we should shoulder responsibility for our own actions. However, it is our belief that the drinking situation on our campus has been greatly exaggerated, resulting in unfavorable publicity for the University and for the State of Montana. As responsible students it is our earnest desire that these unfavorable impressions be corrected.

4) We, as students, are aware of the existence of a difficult problem. We regret the method of presenting a student problem without any previous consultation with student leaders. We feel that the solutions presented are honest attempts to meet the situation, but that their severity is unwarranted and that by their very nature, they appear unworkable.

5) We do not wish to be placed in the position of supporting immorality and illegality. We are fully conscious of our responsibilities and feel that we have a solemn obligation to the people of Montana to offer a sound, constructive solution to the existing problem through the combined efforts of students, of faculty, and of the administration.

VI. General discussion.

VII. Action on proposed resolution.

VIII. Student request for time.

IX. Adjournment.

NOTE: Write constructive letters home to your parents and friends explaining our situation.



Speech by Gary Jystad to the students of Montana State University  
at the convocation on June 1, 1955.

"I hope you will excuse me for referring quite often to my notes. I do not want to say anything which might carry a different meaning than I had intended it.

Follow students of MSU

We are gathered here today at the expressed desire of the student body to face a situation which has received banner headlines concerning the problem of drinking on our campus. This public announcement only confirms what was before only intimidated. It is no longer laughed and snickered at that we are the "dancing academy", it is now seemingly a proven fact.

Our pride as a University, our pride as students has been struck a devastating blow. We have a problem to face, a challenge to face. If we are to cast off our present reputation, we must face it, and face it in a manner indicative of college students. Yes, we will admit there exists on our campus a liquor problem, but we admit it only in the sense there is also a liquor problem on almost every other college campus in our country. Not only is the problem concerned with colleges, but it is concerned with almost every faction within our country. --We have just faced two World Wars, we now face another with the no longer scoffed at possibility of the total destruction of the human race. Drinking has become one of the many outlets for the fears, frustrations, and anxieties of the people. Yes, we will admit a drinking problem, but we will not admit that we alone are guilty of this infraction of social behavior and we do not desire to be the focal point at which all fingers are pointed. However it is too late to crawl in a hole and hide for we have been labeled and we must either wear the label or find a means by which we may erase it.

Today we are confronted with the hard strict procedure of law in which apparently no smatterings of mercy have been placed. We find ourselves socially, morally, and legally in the wrong. It is therefore not our right to oppose this law, it is only our right to prove the law needless, thereby making it invalid.

Your student body officers have just recently attended two leadership training camps, the Leadership Training camp on Flathead Lake, and the Pacific Student's President's Association at San Diego. The fundamental concept of both conferences is that student leaders are to guide and aid their fellow students to attain a desired goal and to help solve the problems which they face. It is apparent to me that the responsibility of helping find solutions to problems was jerked out of our hands when it should have been a primary concern of ours. Student government does not have the right to infringe upon the duties and problems of the administration unless they vitally concern the student's reputation and welfare. One of the speakers at PSPA was a renowned educator who, during the course of his speech, constantly referred to the student leaders as the "salt of the earth". It would appear that on the MSU campus your student leaders are often considered the "pepper".

Student government, which should be considered as a vital element in the training of conscientious citizens, cannot function without an atmosphere of complete cooperation between all the existing governing bodies on a campus.

The main purpose of this meeting is for the restoration of our reputation as an excellent institution of learning, to the people of the State of Montana. We, as students must show by our word and action

that we are proud of our university and set about in a constructive way to remedy the stigma which has been placed upon it or we will remain the "Dancing Academy". In facing this problem, we should not put on public demonstrations or react in any manner which would only stamp our adolescence further into the minds of the people of this state. We are not opposing our President for the stand he has taken, we only disapprove of the manner and severity in which it was presented. It is our moral obligation to conduct ourselves in a manner normally expected of college students and make an honest attempt to solve any drinking problem which does exist on our campus. We must make it known throughout the state of Montana and anywhere else where we are now held in disrepute, that we are not the moral shirkers as it has been intimidated.

A student committee composed of every faction on our campus and a representative from the alumni met in a five-hour meeting last Friday night and discussed the various methods in which we could constructively meet the present situation. It was the whole-hearted conviction of the committee that (1) we must present an honest and fair resolution to the people of the state which would lessen the degradation of our school's present reputation; (2) we must request that a committee composed of faculty, students, and the administration be set up to discuss the possibility of more effective regulations than those now pending; and (3) we must request that President McFarland give this committee ample time to work out an effective and useful method of alleviating our problem before imposing his regulations.

I honestly believe that this is a sincere desire by the students to help in the solution of a problem which vitally concerns them. When we become alumni of this institution, we want to be proud of the fact that we received our college education in a school whose social and scholastic standards were beyond public scrutiny, and not that we received our education in a well-renowned "party" school.

In closing, I would like to recite a little poem I have written in my spare moments. Having little poetic nature, I realize that it will never rival Shakespear's King Lear or the Inferno by Dante, but somehow in its simple and crude way, I think it portrays the manner and attitude in which we must face this situation. I have entitled it, "The Student's Faith".

Faith, the premis of our land  
Faith in God, ourselves, and man.  
A student's faith must not consist  
Of arrogance and prejudice  
But rather Faith in our college day  
Must be expressed in a constructive way.  
Problems and tensions may around us abide  
And yet with strength must we decide  
To show our Faith and keep our Pride."



## VI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Pat Eyer - expressed opinion that resolution should include a possible solution instead of only pointing out the problem.

Jystad - replied that although this was a good suggestion, no adequate solutions to the problem could be formulated in such a short time.

Jim Rowland - asked if the students were at liberty to recommend any alternatives to the proposed regulations.

Jystad - replied that the door has been left open to us to make recommendations.

Jim Rowland - suggested that we strike out the clause a.(a) in section III which reads, "on university property".

Art Dahlberg - asked if the students could amend these proposed regulations legally or if we are obligated to merely accept them.

Jystad - stated that Dr. McFarland has the right to set up any rules which he deems necessary. The only way we can do anything is by recommendation or suggestion.

Dahlberg - questioned our power in changing the proposed regulations.

Jystad - emphasized the importance of student opinion. He felt that if the students are entirely in favor of some measure and tackle the problem in a constructive manner, they cannot be completely denied.

Sandy McGracken - expressed the opinion that the proposed regulations were very vague and should definitely be more precise.

Jystad - agreed. He stated that if the student body expressed the sentiment to act on these proposals something will be done.

Loren Curtis - remarked upon the method of presentation and also the need of the proposed regulations. He felt that a minority was involved in the problem.

Jystad - agreed, but also pointed out that Dr. McFarland had stated in his speech that a minority was involved in the problem.

Ed Gron - on the inconsistency of the power of student government, citing the ice rink as an example.

Jystad - explained that in some matters students are granted a voice, but it is the President's right to set up rules as he deems necessary.



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Dale Lock - emphasized that students should recognize their own responsibility.

Jystad - brought out that although one incident may have provoked the President's recommendations at this time, in the action taken, everyone was branded. Perhaps it should have been taken to the factions involved.

Dundas - requested clarification as to whom the student resolutions are being presented and asked what we hoped to accomplish by this.

Jystad - stated that the resolution would be presented to the people of the State of Montana and also to President McFarland. He felt this might aid in the restoration of favorable reputation for M.S.U.

Bob Cummins - moved that the student body request President McFarland to give us more time to formulate plans to alleviate the problem and that this be done through a committee set up for this purpose. Seconded by Jim Rowland. Lock amended the motion to state that the students request all of fall quarter, 1955, to plan a workable solution to the problem. Seconded by Bob Cummins.

Rod Cristinoff - stressed the importance of the rules originating from the students.

Larry Gaughan - stated that the faculty should be included in the committee which will be set up for the study of the problem. Jystad referred him to part 5 of the student resolution.

Dave Penwell - requested information as to the stand of the alumni. Jystad - replied that he was quite sure that they would be 100 per cent behind us in planning a constructive program.

Lock - asked under what regulations or in what status the students would be under this extension of time. Jystad replied that we would request the President to withhold his resolutions until the committee could formulate a workable solution to the problem.

Downey - proposed that we vote on McFarland's regulations.

Lambros - suggested that a voice vote be taken on the motion and amendment before the house. Then, if vote isn't clear, a written ballot could be taken. Vote was taken on the amendment and motion. Both passed unanimously.

Eyer - moved adoption of proposed resolutions. He also added that student body officers be directed to give widest possible publicity concerning these recommendations throughout the state. Erickson seconded. Lock objected to these resolutions on the basis that they included nothing constructive. Eyer amended that point XI be added to the resolution. Point XI - Therefore, we Resolve: that a committee composed of students, faculty, and administration be set up to study and present to the administration a workable solution to this problem before the end of fall quarter, 1955. Be it further Resolved: That the present rules continue in effect until that time. Ted Molthen seconded. A call for the question from the floor. Vote was taken on the motion and amendment. Passed with one opposed.